## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows per 37 CFR \$1.121(c)(1)(i).

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1. (Amended) An electric lamp comprising

a glass lamp vessel which is closed in a gastight manner and in which an electric element is accommodated,

current conductors connected to the electric element which each have an end portion of molybdenum projecting to outside the lamp vessel, said end portion being provided with means for protection against oxidation,

characterized in that the end portion has a skin which is chosen from a group of materials formed by titanium nitride and chromium carbide.